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Marie Gage, left and Carole Finn build a unique structure using large Legos and tree branches during the Arts Council's annual Arty Party on Nov. 29 at the West Guilford Community Centre. The party immediately followed the organization's annual general meeting. See more on page 4.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Reign wraps up for warden

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey has conducted his last county council meeting as warden, hinting that a long career

in municipal politics is winding down.

"This is the last time you'll have to look at this face in this chair," Fearrey told his colleagues at a Nov. 28 meeting, thanking councillors and staff for their work.

County council has its inaugural on Dec. 11, where members will elect a councillor to serve

as warden for 2013.

Fearrey was warden for 2012 and 2011 and has served as the county's head politician 11 times since he first sat on county council in 1973.

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Accident leaves road covered in coins

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

An armored car travelling south on Highway 118 towards Haliburton on Nov. 28 slid off the road, hit the rock cut and ended up on its side.

Emergency crews responded to the single vehicle accident south of West Guilford at about 12:15 p.m. on Highway 118 just south of West Guilford.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan believed the accident was caused by the winter weather, resulting in slippery roads.

The female driver was treated by Emergency Medical Services before being taken to Haliburton hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Firefighters stayed at the scene for four hours, monitoring traffic because debris from the accident was scattered along the highway.

Transporting money, the armored car had scattered coins along the road.

"I saw maybe \$50 worth of quarters, but it's hard to say, they were spread out quite a bit," said Maughan.

Representatives from the company came and collected the change, he said.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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County council denies support for Metis Transit

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton county council has turned down a request for support in principle from Metis Transit, the company seeking to establish a bus line connecting Haliburton and Peterborough counties. Councillors made that decision in a 5-3 vote during their Nov. 28 meeting. Metis Transit president Darren Parberry visited the county's four lower-tier councils during the fall, explaining his plan to set up a fee- and advertising-based transit system that would require no municipal funding.

Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills and

Highlands East granted support in principle while Dysart et al township did not.

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey said the company, which has been making presentations to municipal councils throughout Ontario for years, is without a public vehicle operation licence from the province. Fearrey said Metis Transit was lean on specifics and also made reference to the company's website.

"There isn't a business case there," he said, adding he didn't believe council had enough information to lend its support to the project. "It sends a message to the community and advertisers that we're in support of it when we don't know the facts."

While her council had granted Metis

Transit support in September, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said, "I did have some reservations myself."

Danielsen agreed with Fearrey's concerns.

"They don't even have a vehicle," she said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid thought it was reasonable for council to indicate support and believed the company needed municipal support in principle to garner funding for a transportation survey it wishes to conduct.

"I'm not sure why they need to be doing another survey," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

She noted the company did have repre-

sentatives at a rural transportation forum in Minden on Nov. 22, but said she remained confused as to just what the company was after in its request for municipal support.

Fearrey noted there have been experiments with public transit in the county before and said years ago there was a bus line set up along the route being proposed by the company.

"They ran it three times and there was never one passenger," he said.

Reid along with Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton and Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge voted for the support motion while Fearrey, Moffatt, Danielsen, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis voted against it.



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Arts Council celebrates year of change and challenges

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands has seen a year of change, growth and challenges.

There was much to be celebrated at the organization's annual general meeting held on Nov. 29 at the West Guilford Community Centre.

With many projects on the go, there is no shortage of work for the members of the Arts Council, said chairwoman Chris Lynd.

The organization however continues to struggle when it comes to finances.

"It's hard to find funding," said Lynd. "We haven't found a steady stream of income for us."

One of the organization's major focuses during the past year was the launch of Made in Haliburton, a website showcasing and selling work made in the Highlands.

The project was made possible by a grant from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation in the amount of \$47,615.

Overseen by Don and Marie Gage, the website was first introduced almost a year ago and took about six months to launch.

"We have been getting wonderful feedback," said Marie.

To date, 49 artists and three organizations have signed on with interest increasing steadily.

"There are a few more artists in the process of joining," said Marie.

There are currently 500 items for sale on the website, ranging from artwork to tickets and other items.

"We have had 161 sales since the start, the majority of those being tickets," said Marie.

Made in Haliburton has 217 customers registered on its site and has shipped products all over the world to places like Europe and Australia.

"We've been told you have to wait at least 18 months for a website to be profitable," said Marie. "Our main focus now is on marketing."

The Gages plan on attending the Cottage Life show in the spring to further promote the site.

"It's still early, it could take three to five years to build [the website]," said Marie.

Lynd thanked the Gages for all their hard work and dedication to the project.

"Marie and Don have put their heart and soul into this," she said.

Another project the council is facilitating is an economic



Angelica Blenich Staff

Arts Council member and director of the Rails End Gallery, Laurie Jones, writes down suggestions on the wall during the Arts Council's annual Arty Party, held on Nov. 29 at the West Guilford Community Centre. Members were asked to brainstorm ideas of initiatives the organization should start, stop or continue facilitating.

impact study on the impact local artists had to Haliburton County in 2011.

The organization was the recipient of a \$6,000 grant from the Ontario Arts Council to undertake the project.

Hired to conduct the study, Fay Martin sent out surveys to members of the arts community.

"This study was designed to attach real figures to how much money artists drew to the county," said Martin.

Seventy-four surveys were completed, representing close to 100 artists from the county, with some households completing one survey but representing more than one artist.

The council will be hosting forums in January to review the survey results and spark discussion about the findings.

The council is hoping the information collected will be used to help local economic planning and advocate for artists in the Highlands.

Artists in the Schools continues to be a success for the organization, as it brings education and employment to the local schools and arts community.

Coordinated by Gail Stelter, the program struggles in finding a sustainable funding source continues to be offered in elementary schools throughout Haliburton.

"Some day we'll have lots of money, I'll just keep writing grants until we do," said Stelter.

Looking to the future, the organization is hoping to develop a three-day rural arts symposium for performing arts organizations. The council is in the process of applying for a grant to fund the event.

Laurie Carmount, interim director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery was elected to the board of directors.

Three members of the board stepped down this year, including Shelley Beach, Sandy Luck and Lesley English.

Donna Gagnon served as the organization's coordinator until the end of August, at which time she resigned. Gagnon's hours were reduced by the Arts Council prior to her resignation.

The financial statements were presented for information only, as the organization is still preparing the final num-

bers for year-end. The council will make the finances available online once completed.



Arts Council director Heidi Hudspith constructs a tall tower during the organization's annual Arty Party. The party immediately followed the Arts Council's annual general meeting.

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Province explains billboard regulations

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It seems Haliburton County councillors have relatively little control over what seems to be a growing number of billboards along provincial highways in the county.

Ron Turcotte of the Ministry of Transportation visited councillors at their Nov. 28 meeting and went over the ministry's revised sign policy.

Changes in the policy are making signs more prevalent along stretches of highway in what the province refers to as "bush country."

If there is not a bush line along these roadways, billboards can be placed on the MTO roadside right-of-ways.

There are number of regulations governing billboards, such as a minimum distance of 305 metres between signs and a ban on signs being located next to curves with a radius of less than 1,000 metres.

"The ministry has agreed that we will seriously consider any requests by municipalities that would like to have areas designated as scenic corridors," Turcotte said, explaining these would be areas where billboards are not permitted.

"Would the municipal exemption be retroactive?" asked Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who has expressed concern about the proliferation of signage along highways 35 and 118.

Turcotte said that if the municipality designated an area, existing signs would be grandfathered, allowed to remain until their annual licences were no longer renewed.

"So what's there now is there," Turcotte said.

Regulations also state that billboards cannot be located adjacent to residences.

"There's new properties being built all the time," Moffatt said, asking what happens if there's a severance and a new building goes up and it's located adjacent to a billboard.

Turcotte said in such a situation, if there was no tree cover, the sign would come down.

Moffatt also inquired about the number of consecutive signs that could be controlled by one company.

There are companies whose business is renting the signs to other companies.

Turcotte said the province has a "red flag rule" to stop advertising companies from monopolizing entire corridors. Regulations dictate that every sixth sign must be controlled by a different company.

Moffatt said the number of "rent this space" signs along 118 seemed to be prolific.

According to Turcotte, if those signs remain blank for more than six months, the holder loses the permit.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis wanted to know about derelict signs and whose responsibility it is to ensure signs remain presentable.

Turcotte responded that generally, signs that become derelict are ones whose renters have not paid their fees and who usually lose their permit.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was concerned about derelict signage along Highway 28.

Danielsen was told to contact the Bancroft-based division of the MTO, which oversees that stretch of highway.

Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey wanted to know if there was a restriction on the number of advertisement that could go on one billboard.

The warden thought some were too congested, difficult to read and therefore a traf-



Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation visited county councillors on Nov. 28, explaining regulations for billboards along highways. Some councillors are becoming concerned about the proliferation of signs in the county.

Chad Ingram Staff

fic hazard.

"We don't control the message . . . they can put whatever they want on there," Tur-

cotte said. "The sign can say 'I don't like signs.'"

Social media central in county photo contest

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The photo contest for the county's new tourism website will be relying heavily on social media.

The county will launch a web presence mid-December, which will collect photographs via Twitter and Facebook

"The whole process is to seek an external audience and drive more interest in the community through social media," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt told her colleagues at a Nov. 28 meeting.

Moffatt is council's representative on the site's steering committee.

The process will utilize a Twitter aggregator, which will scan the Internet every 24 hours, collecting all photos bearing the hash tag #experiencehaliburton.

The winning photograph will be featured predominantly on the new site and, if the winner is a professional photographer, a link to that person's website will likely appear.

Other photos will be featured in the photo gallery and uploading of citizen photos to the new site, which Moffatt called "very fresh," will go on in perpetuity.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she knew of someone who took nice photographs but who didn't utilize social media.

Moffatt said the tourism development department will be looking into options for those who are less tech savvy.

The deadline for the contest is Jan. 31.

The county is paying Faren Group Inc. \$25,700 plus taxes for the creation of a new tourism site, which is expected to be completed in February.

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Growing up

SOMETHING GREAT HAPPENED in Haliburton Village last week. While the downtown street-scape project, Christmas festivities and other activities have been dominating the forefront of activity in town, something else has been quietly taking place behind the scenes.

The long awaited expansion of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area was officially passed by council at their meeting last week.

No longer will the BIA only be made up of businesses on Highland Street, but of those located in the downtown square of Haliburton as well.

This is really great news for a number of reasons.

At almost 25 years old, the Haliburton BIA is a strong, vibrant and engaged community organization.

It is easy to take this for granted, as is commonplace with anything that has lasted for a quarter of a century.

However, it doesn't take much effort to see that businesses throughout the province are struggling, particularly in small, rural areas that have been hit hard by the economic times.

As a result, business organizations are becoming weak, or non-existent.

Those living in Haliburton only have to look to our neighbours to the west who have tried for years to establish a BIA but have failed to do so.

The mandate of Haliburton's BIA is to enhance the business area through physical improvements and to promote the village as a business and shopping centre.

This is exactly what our organization does through well-organized and promoted events, dedicated volunteers and hours of planning and execution.

Initiatives such as the annual Frost Fest, Santa Claus parade and Colourfest are just the beginning of a long list of events the organization is responsible for.

Banners, flower baskets, seasonal decorations and shop local campaigns are some of the things the BIA champions, things that some residents take for granted, but can make quite an impact on seasonal tourists travelling from far and wide to the village.

The BIA does all these things and more with a budget made up of a tax levy paid by each business within the organization.

Not only will the expansion give them a bigger pot of money to work with, the growth means more volunteers to draw from, fresh ideas coming to the table and an opportunity to unify the downtown voice.

Yes the BIA is growing, both in size and age and these are reasons to celebrate.

So head on downtown and buy yourself something nice.



Angelica Blenich
Reporter



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Sankalpa

SANKALPA IS A Sanskrit (ancient language from India) word that means "resolve, determination and good intention." It resonates precisely in your core and and sublimely with your essence.

I've heard teachers describe my sankalpa as my heart's deepest desire or longing.

It is a good thing for me to consider at this time of year as I enter into all the busyness and joy and delight and activity and indulging of December and Christmas/New Year's seasons.

What is it that my heart desires at this time of year?

Often what I discover is that my heart doesn't really connect with the commercialism of Christmas and what is really important to me is related to being with friends and family and feeling relaxed, healthy, peaceful and being generous and spontaneous in lots of ways.

The idea behind the sankalpa is that the "seeds of my heart's desire" are already known to me.

I know how I want to feel in December.

The practice of using a sankalpa suggests that I plant those seeds of desire every day into my heart and from there they will blossom into my life.

To create a sankalpa I connect with my heart's desire and then state it to myself in one sentence.

It can't involve anyone else but me (I can't wish for my husband to clean the house every day in December).

The sankalpa needs to be positively worded, starting with "I am" or "I feel", "I experience" and when I say it to myself silently, I say it as if it is already true. I use all of my imagination and senses to visualize it happening every day.

I often check in with my sankalpa when I first wake up in the morning and am lying in bed.

I close my eyes, turn to my breath and take a couple of nice smooth,

relaxed, continuous breaths and I say my sankalpa silently to myself three times and then I visualize it moving into every cell in my body and into my heart.

It is as if I connect with the intelligence of all the cells in my body.

I take a couple of breaths, smile and then carry on with my day. I often return to the sankalpa just before I go to sleep. It is a very peaceful and positive way to start and end each day.

It takes only minutes.

An example of sankalpa would be "I feel peace breathing through me now."

Our minds have such an influence on how our holidays will be.

Staying dedicated to positive thinking can make the difference every single day.

I hope you have a December that reflects your heart's deepest desires.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great
Green Meadow

points of view

The price of gas

YOU WON'T OFTEN hear me participate in a conversation that has nothing to do with hunting, fishing or the sexiest cartoon women of all time. That's why I'm ashamed to admit that, recently, I got caught up in one.

"Sure, I'd like to go camping next spring," I replied to my buddy on the other end of the phone line, "but the price of gas these days is ridiculous. I don't think I can justify the expense."

Tom agreed with me but, ever the optimist, offered another solution.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

"Have you ever considered using alternate sources?" he said.

"My engine isn't built for that," I said dismissively. "It runs rough enough as it is."

"Well," he answered, "I didn't think mine was built for it either, but then I gave broccoli a good try."

"Really?" I said. "I heard that stuff makes you misfire and really screws up your emissions."

It took a while but he conceded my point and we ended our conversation by agreeing that, if you wanted a reli-

able source of gas, nothing can beat a can of baked beans.

And that's why I was so troubled the other day when I walked past them in the grocery store and saw that this stuff was now approaching two dollars a can.

Frankly, I have been hearing people complain about the price of gas for some time, but it wasn't till I stood there looking at that display of baked beans that I realized the scope of this issue.

The price of gas was indeed getting out of reach.

At the risk of sounding old, I remember a time when you could buy three cans of beans for a dollar. Back then there were no emission standards either, so you'd get quite a bang for your buck. This and the proliferation of campfires is why many men of my generation have significant hair loss up front.

Of course, in those days, three cans was the standard ration for any weekend camping excursion. After that, you would live off the land – which meant gathering berries, moss, cat-tails and then throwing them away once you found out there was a store just down the road.

Along with a full provision of beans, you would take toilet paper, a first aid kit, the biggest hunting knife you could, a hatchet and not one can opener. Each tool had a purpose.

The lack of can opener, you see, allowed you to use the rest of the implements – the hunting knife and the hatchet for the futile can opening attempt and the toilet paper and first aid kit to staunch the bleeding.

Those were magical times.

These days young campers are faced with a larger challenge. Broccoli certainly won't keep you warm on longer canoe trips. And forcing campers to spend two nights in a tent after someone consumed tofu borders on inhumane.

It's a sad state of affairs, I tell you. And I wonder why the camping supply retailers aren't up in arms. I mean, you have to ask yourself how the youth of today going to enjoy the full camping experience? Who can afford a week's worth of beans?

Like all those who complain about the price of gas, I see this as one of the major issues of our time. Yes, the bean companies are gouging us and it's time we do something about it.

And, after that, I'll turn my scathing criticisms to the oil companies. Have you seen the price of olive oil lately?



pic of the past

Main Street, Haliburton. Submitted by Kim Emmerson. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the *Echo* at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

A random act of kindness

To the Editor,

As I finished checking out my groceries at a local store I realized I had forgotten to ask for cash back. The check out girl said she couldn't give it to me and that I would have to go and buy something else in the store and wait at the end of the line. I looked down the line and thought, "wow."

At this moment a gentleman who was next in line said "do you want to buy my apple?"

I said, "really?"

And he replied "you won't have to go to the end of the line."

So we chatted as we watched his groceries go through the till. Then he handed me the apple and I stepped up to the till and bought his apple for 67 cents and proceeded to get forty dollars cash back. As I handed him back the apple he said, "I want you to have the apple. Do you like apples?" I said that I really liked apples and he replied, "then, I would like you to have this apple."

As I was holding the apple and he was heading towards the door, I called out to him, "you are not just nice you are also nice looking!" He smiled, the cashiers smiled and I smiled all the way home feeling I wanted to save the apple and enjoy it later.

I feel blessed having experienced another random act of kindness.

Patty Brydon
Haliburton

Positive experiences

To the Editor,

In response to two articles published in the *Haliburton Echo* related to the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization's (OHTO) OHvation Customer Service Designation Program, I am pleased to address some of the concerns raised by Haliburton County council about the program's reach and impact for the local community.

I appreciate the issues brought forward, including how to engage businesses in most need of constructive feedback about their service, and the value proposition for those businesses already excelling in customer service, as these are important questions the OHTO addressed during the program development phase.

Indeed, engagement from the broad business community is critical in reaching the objectives of this program – most importantly, improving the quality of service so visitors leave the Haliburton Highlands with positive experiences that will no doubt translate into more loyal customers, repeat visits and increased profits. Our hope and intention is that as the program progresses and OHvation designated businesses reap the benefits of regional promotion as customer service leaders, other businesses will begin to recognize that the program holds opportunity for them as well, since designated businesses hold a competitive edge over their counterparts.

OHvation holds enormous tourism development potential for communities across Ontario's Highlands, and the OHTO is pleased so many businesses have recognized the value of the program, regardless of whether they've placed an emphasis on offering a high quality of customer service in the past or not. We

letters

Program provides suggestions and improvements for businesses

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hope community partners in tourism will celebrate the success of OHvation designated businesses rather than bemoan them, as the program is designed to hold value for all tourism businesses.

Community tourism leader Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors recently articulated how honoured he was to be among the first to receive the OHvation designation in the Haliburton Highlands, commenting on how the program allowed him to

look closer at the service they provide and continue to make enhancements: "Having another set of eyes, the mystery shopper on our operation was invaluable, validating the good work we do and providing useful suggestions for improvements. My company is receiving additional exposure which will drive more business our way and demonstrate to other businesses that the program is worthwhile. I will be encouraging other businesses to participate."

Yours Outdoors is among almost 50 other organizations across the region that were awarded OHvation designations,

each noting that receiving the feedback through the mystery shop has been insightful and valuable. These organizations are now our community champions for the program, and they will play a crucial role in motivating and encouraging their fellow industry members to get involved and lead by example.

Stephanie Hessel
Tourism Development & Industry Relations Co-ordinator
Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization

Time to decorate

Jenn Watt
Editor

The Echo's Christmas lights contest is back.

Starting immediately, the paper is accepting entries for the contest to see who in the county has the best Christmas lights display.

To enter, all you need to do is email the newspaper a photo of your display and where it is located in the county. (Give credit to the decorator.)

You can also bring in a copy of the photo during Echo office hours (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

All photos must be submitted by Dec. 14.

The photos will be posted online and will also be printed in the newspaper.

Over the holidays, The Echo's readers will be asked to vote in an online poll for which display is the best.

The winner will be announced in the New Year and all of the photos will be published.

Send all photos and questions to jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca. Put "Christmas lights contest" in the subject line of the email.

Get decorating!



Parade generosity

Murray Tripp, left, Ron Mark and Don Wood, chairman, of the 4Cs accept \$615 from Jim Frost, Santa Claus parade co-ordinator, Tina Hadley of the Haliburton Lions Club and Richard van Nood and Andrew Hodgson of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. There was \$205 raised through public donations at the Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton. This total was matched by Rotary and the Lions Club, which also collected non-perishables during the evening event.

Darren Lum Staff

Haliburton's detachment commander appointed to Orillia OPP

Chief Superintendent Brad Blair, Regional Commander for the Ontario Provincial Police Central Region, is pleased to announce that Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley has been promoted to the rank of inspector and effective immediately, has been appointed as the new Detachment Commander of the Orillia OPP.

Inspector Quigley has been a member of the OPP for over nearly 29 years and brings a wide range of experience to his new position.

He has served as a general patrol officer, patrol supervisor, an instructor at the Ontario Police College, unit commander of the Casino Enforcement Unit with the

Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and served as the detachment commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, with his promotion to staff sergeant in 2009.

For the past year, he has been the acting detachment commander of the Orillia OPP.

"Inspector Quigley will be a welcome addition to the Orillia OPP detachment and his continued leadership will be appreciated by the communities that the OPP proudly polices" says chief superintendent Brad Blair.

Orillia mayor and police services board member Angelo Orsi states "The Orillia Police Services Board

congratulates Inspector Quigley on his appointment to detachment commander of the Orillia OPP.

The board looks forward to working jointly with Inspector Quigley and supporting all members under his command, as our common goal is to ensure efficient and effective policing services for the citizens of this community."

The Orillia Police Services Board and the OPP wish to jointly congratulate Inspector Quigley with his promotion to the role as the Detachment Commander of the Orillia OPP.

- Submitted by OPP

BIA announces winner of contest

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Business Improvement Area has announced the winner of its shop local contest.

Dominic Florio of Haliburton is the lucky recipient of an all-inclusive trip for two to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, as well as a set of luggage.

Hosted by the BIA, the Buy In and Win contest encour-

aged people to support local businesses. Every purchase over \$25 that was made in a participating store meant you were eligible for a ballot.

The BIA drew the winning name following the Santa Claus parade on Nov. 23.

"We were absolutely amazed at the number of ballots that were submitted for the draw - it was quite entertaining watching Luke [Schell] stuff all of those ballots into the Legion's prize drum for the draw," BIA administrator Rosemarie Jung wrote to the paper

"At best guess, there were well over 1,000 ballots

entered in the draw, which represents a lot of people making their way around the construction to spend their money at BIA businesses." Florio's ballot came from a purchase at the V & S department store in Haliburton.

"Dominic and his wife, Bev, are ecstatic about their windfall, calling it a great surprise," wrote Jung. "We thank TravelPlus for overseeing the travel arrangements. The Florios are already busy making their winter getaway plans."

The BIA thanks everyone for making the contest a great success.

Winter has arrived

Downtown Haliburton and the surrounding area experienced a week of flurries including Highland Street, right, was blanketed by snow. As a result, road conditions and visibility deteriorated and several accidents happened throughout Haliburton County.

Darren Lum Staff



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Ontario's Education Minister is letting everyone down.

Public elementary teachers in Trillium Lakelands have withdrawn from all activities other than teaching students.

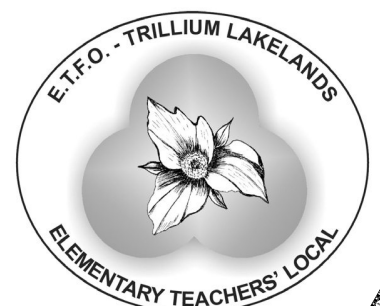
Unfortunately Ontario's Education Minister has left us no choice. Recently, the government invited the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) for discussions with Ministry officials and a third-party facilitator. After three hours of productive talks, the Minister abruptly shut the session down.

These actions and Bill 115, which strips teachers of their fundamental rights, have made it impossible to reach a collective agreement with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The Education Minister has let everyone down. But elementary teachers are ready to resume discussions at any time to reach a successful agreement.

A message from the Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teachers.

StopBill115.ca



Making Nobody into somebody

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A doll with a blank canvas is being coloured by life in the Highlands through the influence of socially conscious youth from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

This doll is part of the Who is Nobody? project, which empowers youth to gain self-confidence and develop their talents and strengths. It encourages social awareness and local initiatives towards improving communities by giving the Nobody doll an identity through community building and fun initiatives. Each week a student takes Nobody (that has no gender, ethnicity, or discernable features) home. During that week students are encouraged to do a community building and fun activity.

The kit for the project provides the non-descript denim doll, support materials and resources such as project starting DVDs all in a box designed like a suitcase. The project is run primarily by the students with little direction from the teacher.

The Grade 6 French Immersion class at the Haliburton middle school has fully embraced the Who Is Nobody? project since its teacher April Sanderson presented it to them on a field trip at the beginning of the year.

Thus far the best thing, Sanderson said, is how her students have reached out and learned how easy it is, including discovering the “intrinsic joy from helping.”

“They have to take this on their own. Other than introducing the program there really isn’t much class time given to the project. It’s all [virtually] outside class time. You’ve got to think of a plan, Carry out that plan and administer that plan,” she said. “So, they’re stepping up to the task and the challenge.”

On the first week, Maya Meraw collected enough food to feed three families for Thanksgiving in her effort for the 4Cs. In another week, Ashley Ackerblade sent 22 colouring books to the Dominican Republic. The other initiatives included a toy and clothing drive. Some efforts are for a week while others are ongoing like the clothing drive.

“Some people said they learned it was very easy and fun to help the community,” student Josie Quigley said. She plans to put her efforts towards an anti-bullying initiative when she has Nobody in February.

As a result of this project students are looking to do more than the minimum week and are actively helping other peers’ tasks, Sanderson said.

From March on the class will assume initiatives as a collective.

“Once they’ve had a taste of their own individual part then we’ll try and see if can come together do group things or class initiatives,” she said. “The week [long] thing is just them putting their feelers out wherever interests, wherever their family has connections in the community and then share that with the whole class and by the end we’ll have a good knowledge of what’s



Darren Lum Staff

J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 6 student Kurtis Adams, 11, writes greetings in the Christmas cards he will distribute to Highland Wood long-term care residents, as part of his contribution to the Who Is Nobody? project. Kurtis also plans to play piano when he visits the long-term care facility. The Nobody project is virtually student driven and encourages community building.

going on in the community.”

Sanderson, who is from Dwight, said she got the idea from seeing it at a school there.

Little was needed from her. She facilitated the project from playing the three short DVD lessons to providing the scrapbook for the photos and summaries to the time set to students, who provided a weekly presentation, sharing their experience. For every experience shared with the doll an object is affixed to it to indicate where it was and what it did with the student.

Sanderson credits the Rotary Club of Haliburton, who helped fund the purchase through an application process.

Although this project started during the school year, Sanderson acknowledges the possibility of activities and efforts in the summer months.

Toronto teacher Kelly Clark created the program in 2002. There have been more than 35,000 projects undertaken by students (from Grade 1 to 12, English and French) since it started. Clark started the program to address children’s low self-esteem, crisis of identity, social acceptance and bullying. The experience has left children with purpose and self-worth.

Student Lexie Tait smiles, thinking



The logo of the Who Is Nobody? project hangs on the class wall of the Grade 6 French Immersion class at J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. The students started the project that encourages community building and helps develop self-worth at the beginning of the school year.

about her “fun” plan for Nobody when she will ride with it on her tractor on her family farm.

“I think it’s helping us grow,” she said. For more information see www.whois-nobody.com

Streetscape slightly behind schedule

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 26 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The Highland Street streetscape project is moving along well, however, construction is expected to roll into December.

Public works director Brian Nicholson told council that while the crews have been working overtime he anticipated the project would take two weeks longer to complete.

With an original completion date of mid-November, Nicholson said he wanted to make storefronts more accessible in time for the holiday season.

The director cited traffic congestion and weather as some of the contributing factors to the delay.

"Yes it's unfortunate that it is behind

but it's a huge project ... I think overall, when it's finished, it's going to look great," said Councillor Andrea Roberts.

The new parking meters would likely not be installed until the spring, said Nicholson.

Council denies zoning proposal

The municipality has denied a proposed zoning change to a house situated on Highland Street, just past Riverside Drive.

The zoning change was proposed by Bram Lebo, publisher of *The Highlander*.

Lebo was requesting council change the zoning of the land to permit the operation of a newspaper business, as well as a one-bedroom rental unit, according to municipal planner Pat Martin's report.

The house is located in an area deemed residential by the Dysart Official Plan. In order for the zoning change to be approved an amendment to the official plan would have to be made.

With the newspaper's office in the Village Barn, Lebo told council he has been looking for new office space as this location was not conducive to a newspaper business.

"Because of the high rent it's not really possible to go on the main street and I'm not sure we really want to go there because we're not a retail space," said Lebo.

Because the proposed property is not in a commercial area it would entail a lengthy process, a minimum of six months, to amend, said Martin.

The area deemed commercial in the OP extends as far east as the bridge.

"It's good to see businesses wanting to invest in the area, that's very positive, but we don't want to mislead you. This is not an easy process," said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The property also lacks the necessary parking to service a business, determined by the roads department, wrote Martin in

her report.

Street parking would interfere with access to the sidewalk, snow plowing and would change the visibility along that intersection.

"There was a red flag raised by the roads department because of the limited parking at this site ... they had safety concerns," said Martin.

Martin's report recommended council not approve the zoning change, which council followed.

"Perhaps you could work with a real estate agent and find a house that is in a commercial area," suggested Roberts.

"If I could just offer some feedback from the business community, the rents in the centre of town are extremely high.

The properties seemed to be owned by a limited number of people who would rather let the place go empty than lower the price of rent," said Lebo.

"We hear what you're saying," said Fearrey.

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Boundaries for Haliburton BIA expanded

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Business Improvement Area no longer encompasses just the main street of town.

Council passed a resolution at their Nov. 26 meeting approving the new boundaries of the organization, which will now include businesses beyond those situated on Highland Street.

Members of the BIA's executive have been proposing the expansion for more than a year now, gaining approval by those who would be affected.

This past June a delegation was made to council by BIA chairman Luke Schell and vice-chairman Andy Glecoff, requesting the municipality move forward with the proposed changes.

The organization had sent out letters to businesses that would be included in the changes and had received an overwhelming positive response.

Only two letters of objection were received by the municipality, out of a possible 67 letters that were sent, according to clerk Cheryl Coulson.

The new boundaries would encompass the downtown core, extending to Maple Avenue, Sunnyside Street, Pine Avenue, Mountain

Avenue and Highland Street, as far west as the XTR gas station and east up to the bridge near Riverside Drive.

Established in 1988, the BIA realized the need to expand about five years ago, to help increase the organization's annual budget and strengthen the downtown core.

The BIA operates with an annual budget made up of a combined tax levy from the businesses within the organization, which is included with their property taxes.

Businesses pay a levy based on their current value assessment established by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

The annual levy has ranged from \$150 a

year for a small business, up to \$1,650 a year for the largest business, according to the BIA.

With this money initiatives such as the annual Santa Claus Parade, Frost Fest and Colourfest are held in Haliburton Village.

The events demand a lot of money and time from the BIA, who are dedicated to promoting the town, said councillor Andrea Roberts.

"We're very lucky to have a strong BIA," said Roberts.

"Yes we are, a lot of them are faltering," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The tax levy for businesses within the expansion will be included in the 2013 budget, said Coulson.

Library book club knows no (geographical) bounds

Jenn Watt
Editor

There's a new book club at the Haliburton County Public Library that anyone can join.

Meetings are whenever you want them to be, wherever you want and you can show up in your pajamas.

The online book club, hosted on the Good Reads website, has attracted 23 members since it started about a month ago.

Wherever there's an Internet connection, users can login and join the discussion.

"I think it's interesting in that it transcends gender, age, obviously geography and that's the real cool part for me. People can participate from anywhere in the world," said county librarian Bessie Sullivan.

So far, the club has a 15-year-old member and another who is 81.

Discussion revolves around whatever readers are interested in. While the library staff has a hand in starting conversations, anyone can create their own discussion thread and comments are moderated only when inappropriate language is used.

Sullivan said the uptake in Haliburton County has been – as is common for many other things at the library – better than usual.

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— Bessie Sullivan
Haliburton County librarian

For example, the Kingston Good Reads site has 15 members, most of them staff.

Users can post anonymously, use their own names, or sign in using their Facebook accounts.

Sullivan credits staff members Amanda Wilk and Catherine Coles for driving the website forward.

To check out the page or to join in the discussion, go to www.haliburtonlibrary.ca and click on the link. You can also go to www.goodreads.com and search HCPL to find the group.



Cookie time

There was no shortage of shortbread at the Haliburton United Church's annual Cookie Walk on Dec. 1. The United Church Women baked more than 200 dozen treats for this year's walk. Customers paid \$4.50 per dozen, putting on plastic gloves and grazing the tables of treats. The event is a fundraiser for the church.

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Patient News restructures to adapt to economic downturn

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Wayne Lavery's office is in a cubicle on the main floor of Patient News.

The chief executive officer of the publishing company that distributes dentistry newsletters all over North America moved there during the past few weeks.

For Lavery, 52, the change in scenery was a decision he made to help his company transition through a period of change.

In existence for close to 20 years, Patient News has been a vital component of the Haliburton County economy.

"The first newsletter we produced was mailed from Haliburton in 1993," said Lavery.

Since it was established by Lavery and Karen Galley, the marketing business has made its home in the Highlands, hiring local staff and contributing to the community.

Like most businesses Patient News has not been exempt from hard economic times, recently executing temporary layoffs.

Although difficult, the changes are meant to keep the company strong, competitive and alive in Haliburton.

"There's still 35 full-time employees working here, we still have a very solid base of business," said Lavery.

The company operates an annual payroll of about \$2 million, but like many Canadian exporters has seen a change in the economy recently, said the CEO.

"If we were located in Aurora we'd be one of 1,000 companies that have had some temporary layoffs or cutbacks as a result of the U.S. recession," he said.

While the company restructures, Patient News is still offering full benefits to those who have been let go, with plans to hire them back when possible.

"The objective is we need to have a healthy business model at our current revenue level and to have a healthy business model we have to be able to market," said Lavery. "That's what we're doing with the right sizing of the organization right now, is to get back to our previous marketing levels. We still have a great product and we just want to get back to where we were before and get those people back

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By most small town standards this is still a very ongoing business.

— Wayne Lavery
CEO Patient News

here."

Desks belonging to those who have been let go have been left untouched, waiting to be used again in the future.

The company has already welcomed three full-time and two part-time employees back.

During its peak years, around 2007 to 2008, the company employed 65 full-time staff.

Even with the reduced numbers it still produces about 800,000 newsletters a month.

"By most small town standards this is still a very ongoing business," said Lavery.

The publishing company operates its entire business in Haliburton from start to finish. From sales and editorial to production and distribution, Patient News is a self-contained operation.

Lavery is intent on promoting a positive and fun work atmosphere.

Whimsical posters and motifs can be found scattered throughout the office, from Dr. Seuss-themed decorations to hanging homemade snowflakes.

Amenities such as a gym, daycare program for employees' children and incentive programs consistently garner the company accolades and awards, such as being named one of Canada's top 100 employers.

"We were the only small- to medium-sized business in Canada ever to do that [be named a top employer four years in a row]."



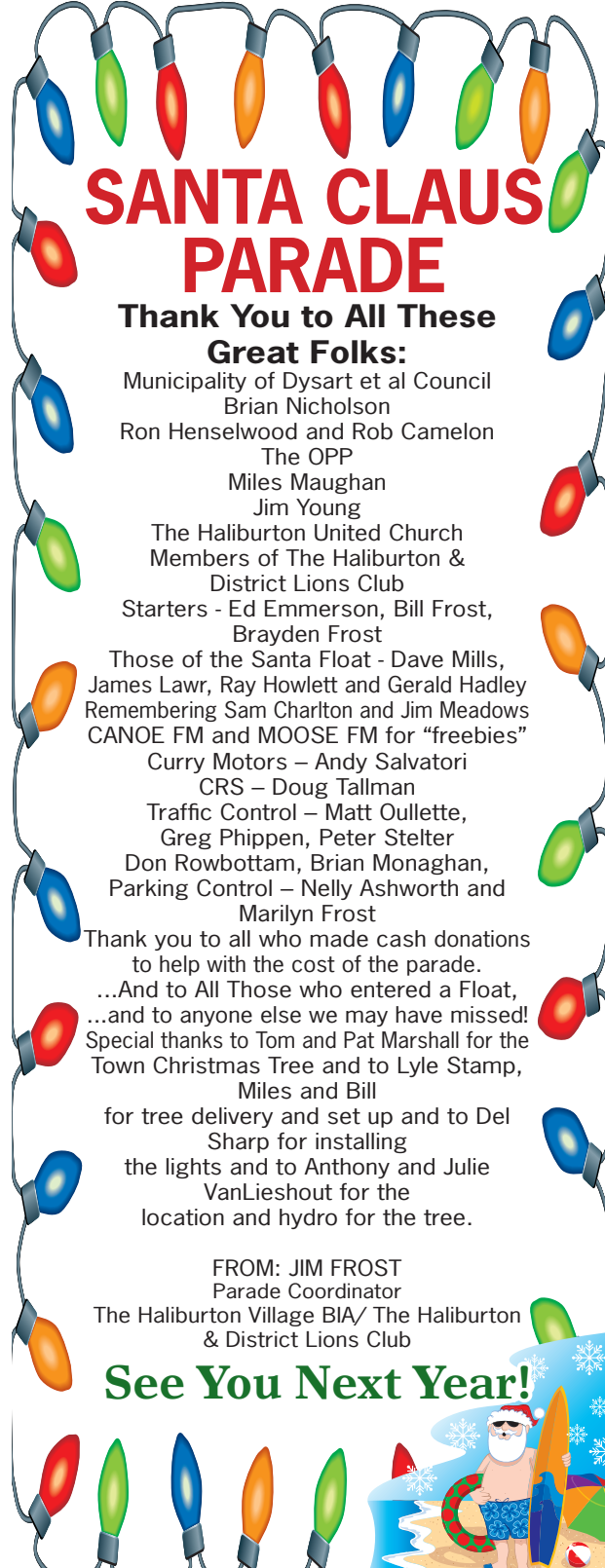
Chief executive officer of Patient News, Wayne Lavery, right, and senior account manager Jean Broersma read a newsletter produced by the company on Nov. 29. In existence for almost 20 years, the publishing company based in Haliburton produces dentistry newsletters that are sent all over North America.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Lavery has no intention of closing the company or moving in the future, instead focusing his attention on getting back up to previous revenue levels.

With about 75 per cent of clients in the United States, Patient News is hopeful the American economy is moving in a positive direction.

"We've still got a solid base of business, we just need to run a healthy business. That's why we made some of those really, really hard decisions."



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FROM: JIM FROST
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A day with Santa

Photos by Darren Lum



Santa Claus reads through a letter from a girl at the Santa Day at the Rails End Gallery event in Haliburton on Saturday, Nov. 24. Children heard Christmas stories, created crafts and left with a grab bag. The event drew more than 60 children and was made possible by the Haliburton Lions Club, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre and The Haliburton BIA.



Children share what they want for Christmas with Santa Claus.



A girl hugs Santa Claus.



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Students learn about the dangers they could face online

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Every day students are faced with making difficult decisions when it comes to the Internet.

As the first generation dealing with online challenges such as cyber bullying, harassment and other criminal offences, the web has changed the way in which kids experience the world.

Const. Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment visited students at JD Hodgson Elementary School last week to help provide education and information on the dangers of cyber bullying.

The session followed a theme of making good decisions when dealing with online risks, and how to protect your identity and safety.

One of the first tips Adams offered was the importance of a complex username and password, one that would not be easily traced back to an identifiable individual.

"Your password should not include anything about yourself, it should be something only you would know," said Adams.

It's important to remember not to give out your personal information online and to not post information of things you don't want people to see or access.

"Someone can have copies of what you write online, even if you think you've deleted them," she said. "The same goes with pictures or videos."

Another imperative tip was to make sure you are properly signing out of online accounts, such as email, chat rooms, social media and other websites. Failure to do so could give someone the opportunity to impersonate you on the Internet.

When going online it is important to remember you are accountable for everything you do and that there's no such thing as joking around in the eyes of the law.

"The OPP are responsible for keeping people safe and the school can become involved in a situation even if it happens after school hours, if it affects a student or the school," said Adams.

Precautions also need to be taken when using a webcam, which can be turned on from a remote computer and used in a negative way to prey on children.

"If you have one at home the best thing to do is cover it with a black piece of paper if you're not using it. That way people won't see anything even if it's turned on," said Adams.

With most students these days having access to sights such as Facebook, even though it restricts users to those over the age of 13, more and more adults are realizing students are making difficult choices online everyday.

"It's important that you know who you're talking to on Facebook, it's a great idea but now it's being used to hurt other people."

In order to be good cyber citizens students need to apply the same rules they do in everyday life to decisions they make online.

"It's really important to remember that



Angelica Blenich Staff

Constable Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment talks to Grade 5 students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Nov. 29 about the consequences of cyber bullying.

if it's wrong in real life it's wrong online. If you wouldn't do it in person, then don't do it online," said Adams.

While it may be difficult to stand up to cyber bullies or those partaking in such behaviour, kids need to be a part of the solution.

"Don't do bad things just because everyone else is. Stop the chain. Cyber bullying can be traced back to you," said Adams.

If cyber bullying is traced back to you the authorities could become involved, going as far as disconnecting internet users or laying criminal charges.

Adams reminded the students that if they suspect cyber bullying or other offences are taking place online that they tell their parents about it.


"The important thing is you have the ability to stop it."

To report cases of cyber bullying or to learn more information visit www.cybertip.ca, Canada's national reporting website for things that go wrong online.



It's really important to remember that if it's wrong in real life it's wrong online. If you wouldn't do it in person, then don't do it online.

— Const. Sandy Adams



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Strike considered by elementary teachers

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Elementary teachers in the province are ramping up their bid to be heard.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has threatened strike action for December preceded by a 72-hour notice announcement. Steven Colliver, president of the ETFO Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teachers Local, said as of Monday teachers have moved to "stage two of work-to-rule" with the final stage being a complete walk out. Work-to-rule means most meetings won't be attended, no administration activities, no meetings outside of the day and no extra-curricular activities or excursions, he added.

"It's not a decision we take lightly, but the minister keeps giving us no choice but to

step up our strike. She's not listening. She's not interested in talking," he said, referring to Education Minister Laurel Broten. If the teachers walk, the minister has promised to order them back to work by invoking Bill 115. There were no details about how or when. Colliver said between now and the Christmas holidays "rotating strikes" (preceded by the 72-hour notice) are likely throughout the province.

"It's a rotating strike so it would not be all locals," he said, adding it could be several locals in one day to one local per day. "We're teachers. We care about our kids. We care about our parents. This isn't about surprising folks, saying, 'ha ha we gotcha.' That's the last thing we want to do."

Despite the ETFO's reassurances there is concern among parents. Laurie Carmount, parent of a Grade 7 student, has been frustrated with the way things have deteriorated

between the teachers and the province. She blames both sides. Carmount believes parents and their children are in the middle. She finds it unfair that the government doesn't recognize the necessity of extra-curriculars and that teachers are withholding facilitation of extra-curriculars as part of the negotiations.

"The extra-curricular is not extra-curricular. It really is essential for these kids. And no matter how it [was not included as part of teachers' job description] the precedent was set. That has to be addressed," she said.

Greater communication is needed between parents and teachers and the province regarding what should be expected regarding job descriptions outlined in teachers' contracts. With technology, there should be an avenue for communication, she said.

Carmount, who doesn't believe 72 hours is enough time to arrange alternate plans for children, has spoken to a few parents who are concerned about children unable to get extra help for academics. She is thinking of facilitating a parent meeting to figure out if there is enough public concern to direct to the local trustee. Instead of relying on teachers to facilitate extra-curricular activities, she said there should be enough parents with the appropriate skills to fill the void. Colliver said teachers volunteer an average of three hours a week and are not contractually obligated to run athletics, arts, tutoring and field trips.

"It's interesting that some folks take tremendous issue with teachers who withdraw from voluntary activities. Would they take the same issue with the banker/car salesman/your occupation here, who decides not to coach the pee-wee hockey team this winter?" he wrote in an email. "Most wouldn't, but what's the difference?"

In some places, people take the school plays, sports teams and sporting events for granted, he said.

"Few stop to actually consider that it's run by volunteers as opposed to paid employees ... wonder if the rest of the workforce does the same? Only teachers get a bad rap for what they don't do in their spare time," he said.

He contends Broten hasn't been receptive to negotiating.

"She's not paying attention. That's essentially why things are [escalating]. Parents will hate me, but I wish they would take the time to actually read what this is all about. In fact [they should] begin to worry what's coming for Ontario if you can simply legislate away the rights to bargain," he said.

A few weeks ago the minister met with representatives of the ETFO.

"My folks characterized it as a very good meeting. They thought they were making progress and looked forward to [a resolution before] ... she abruptly shut it down. She actually left the table and didn't come back. Three hours later somebody [came back and said], 'no, no, we're done.'"



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Politician has served since 1970s

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When asked if this meant he wouldn't be running for re-election in 2014, Fearrey said, "I won't be running for warden."

County council consists of eight mem-

bers - the reeves and deputy-reeves of the four lower-tier townships.

One of the four reeves usually becomes warden, typically by acclamation.

The county inaugural is a public meeting and will commence at 7 p.m. in county council chambers.



Jenn Watt Staff

Murray Fearrey, front centre, was elected warden for his 11th term at the inaugural county council meeting Dec. 14, 2011 in Minden. Fearrey has indicated he will no longer serve as warden for Haliburton County. Haliburton county council 2012: back row from left, Dave Burton, Cheryl Murdoch, Bill Davis, Liz Daniels, Suzanne Partridge. Front row from left, Barb Reid, Warden Murray Fearrey and Carol Moffatt.



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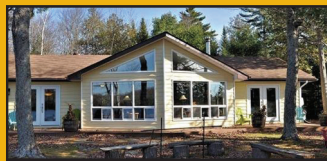
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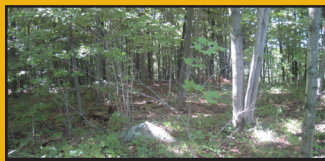
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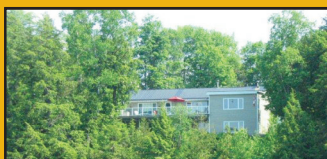
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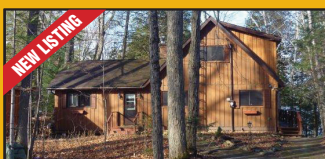
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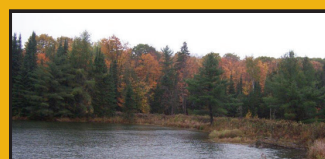
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Sports

Smillie rink advances to Ontario Winter Games

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Haliburton is sending a strong curler to the (+55) Ontario Winter Games.

Although there were just four mixed teams (one Minden rink and three Haliburton rinks) at the District 11 - Haliburton - Qualification Bonspiel, there was still tough competition for Haliburton's John Smillie with teammates Cheryl Smillie, Rick Ashall and Jan Ashall.

Held under the Ontario Senior Games Association rules, the bonspiel was organized into a round-robin best of three six-end games at the Haliburton Curling Club on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Before the last draw, Smillie's rink assured themselves of a provincial berth with two wins. Both wins came against their next closest competitors so any tie by the end of the three draws was negated because of the head-to-head records.

Smillie has curled out of the Haliburton Curling Club for 12 years and has close to 30 years of curling experience.

The second-place rink was skipped by Haliburton's Glen Smith with teammates Mary Hillaby, Andy Mason and Sue Mason. The Minden Curling Club sent Bruce Fisher's rink (of Audrey Robson, Steve Robson and Patti Prentice), who finished in third place.

Don Wetmore's rink of Sheila Stackhouse, Larry Holden and Ginny Carmichael rounded out the field in fourth.

Smillie's rink will represent District 11 at the Games scheduled in Huntsville from Feb. 26 to 28.

Haliburton has hosted two other Games qualifiers with 10 team and 12 team fields.



Above, John Smillie of Haliburton curled to a first place for a berth to the Ontario Winter Games at the Haliburton Curling Club on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Left, Smillie, far right, with Rick Ashall, left, Jan Ashall and Cheryl Smillie won his first two games in the round-robin, three game, six-end mixed-team qualifier to ensure his team's berth, as he won the head-to-head competition with next closest competitors before the final game.

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The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team will split their Kawartha High School League home games between Minden and Wilberforce because of renovations to the Dysart Arena. File photo

2012-2013 Red Hawks boys' schedule released

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team is on the Kawartha Boys' High School Hockey League schedule.

Their home opener is at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden against the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Then the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans come to play the Red Hawks in Minden on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Before the end of the year, the Red Hawks host the Nor-

wood District High School Knights on Thursday, Dec. 20. In the new year St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School comes to play the Red Hawks at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce on Monday, Jan. 7.

Following the exam break, the Red Hawks will play St. Peter Saints in Wilberforce on Monday, Feb. 4.

Playoffs will commence in February.

**all games start at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated*

**schedule can change without notice*



Welcoming wrestlers

This week the Red Hawks wrestling team will compete in a Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute wrestling tournament and host its own on Friday, Dec. 14. File photo Darren Lum Staff

Hawks victorious

A huge congratulations to the Red Hawks junior boys' basketball team who travelled to Bracebridge over the weekend and brought home a consolation championship. The boys

played great team defense and were able to keep the host team to under 15 points at the half in the final game.

- submitted by Judi Paul's class

Girls' hockey schedule

The varsity girls' hockey team opens its 2012-2013 campaign with a game against the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The next week they hit the road to play the St. Peter's Secondary School Saints in Peterborough on Tuesday followed by a home game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

On Jan. 15, HHSS has a scheduled game against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans, but it is expected to change. Their final game of the season before the quarterfinals is against the Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute Lions in Wilberforce on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The finals are on Feb. 14.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's girls hockey team is readying for the 2012-2013 season. File photo

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Book of the Week

Mr. Rosenblum Dreams In English by Natasha Solomons

At the outset of the Second World War, Jack Rosenblum and his family escape Berlin, bound for London. They are greeted with a pamphlet instructing immigrants how to act like “the English” – and while his wife, Sadie, finds comfort in the reminders of her German-Jewish heritage, Jack insists on throwing it all away and reinventing himself as a true Englishman. There’s one problem: in spite of all the success the Rosenblums find in London, no golf club will accept Jack as a member. How can he truly be English if not a golfer? Undeterred, Jack decides to build his own golf course. He soon finds, however, that this is a much more difficult task than anticipated. For fans of *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand*, *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams In English* is a comically sweet story about big dreams, rekindled romance and learning to be oneself. Get it in print or talking book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week Young Adult Title

Blood Red Road by Moira Young

Set in a post-apocalyptic dystopian environment, *Blood Red Road* follows Saba, a fierce 18 year old girl, who has spent the entirety of her life living in Silverlake, a desolate wasteland, which is ravaged by constant sandstorms. Everything that Saba has ever known comes crashing when, on one horrific night, her father is murdered and twin

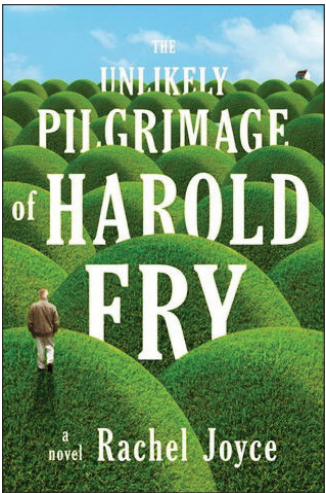
brother Lugh is kidnapped. Determined to rescue her brother, Saba sets out on an epic journey, on which she moves beyond the narrow constraints of her life in order to carve out a new existence. *Blood Red Road* is a fast-paced, action filled read, written by an exciting new voice in Canadian young adult fiction. Both *Blood Red Road* and its brand new sequel *Rebel Heart* are available at your library.



Local Celebrity Read

Nancy McLuskey, chairwoman of the Haliburton County Public Library Board, recently read *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. “I chose to read this book because Bessie Sullivan (Library CEO) mentioned it as a delightful read,” says McLuskey. This novel follows a morbidly shy retiree named Harold Fry. Spontaneity has never been Harold’s strong suit so it is quite unusual that he decides on a whim to walk the distance between his home in southern England and the hospice where his long-lost friend, Queenie Hennessey, is dying of cancer. The motivation behind the trek and why

he is burdened by guilt and the need to atone, are gradually revealed throughout Harold’s arduous journey. McLuskey says, “It deals with common themes in human relationships and as the trappings of our modern lives were slowly stripped away from Harold, he got back to basics and gradually came to accept the difficulties of his life. I’d recommend this book to anyone.”



News & Events

Free holiday children’s programming is set for the Minden Hills, Dysart and Wilberforce branches of the Library. Stop by Minden: Dec. 27, Jan. 2 (10 to 11 a.m.); Dysart: Dec. 29, Jan. 4 (10 to 11 a.m.); or Wilberforce: Dec. 28, Jan. 3 (12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) for stories, games and crafts.

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Novices travel to Cobourg for Silver Stick

Friday, Nov. 30 the Highland Storm Novices travelled to Cobourg for game one of the Silver Stick Tournament against the Ennismore Eagles. Things looked good for the Storm early with a goal 17 seconds into the game by Nick Phippen assisted by Gage Hutchinson.

After a hard played game and brilliant goaltending by Damon Harriss the Storm eventually lost the game as Ennismore scored with three minutes to play in the third, ending the game 2-1.

Saturday morning hard work and hustle didn't pay off as we got shut out by the Cumberland Grads Blue in game two of the tournament.

Our only hope of moving on was a big win against the Petawawa Patriots Saturday afternoon. Damon Harriss's outstanding goaltending and gritty determination from all players took a 0-0 draw deep into the third. It wasn't enough as Petawawa eventually won 3-1. Storm's lone goal scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Hunter Winder. This ended our tournament. Good luck with the rest of the season.

Submitted by Trish Phippen

Girls thank community for support

On behalf of the entire Minden Car Quest / Canadian Tire Midget BB Storm girls' coaching staff, players and the parents of the Highland Storm team, we would like to send a huge thank-you out to all of the people who came out and supported us with our all-you-can-eat spaghetti fundraiser this past Wednesday night. It was a great success with lots of great food, prizes, and a tremendous show of support shown for the girls.

We would also like to take this time to say thanks to Sue and Ed, and the staff of That Place in Carnarvon, as they were the great hosts of this event. We truly appreciate the support that was shown by our community.

The Storm girls dropped both games this weekend; being defeated by Leaside Friday night in Minden and then by Kingston, Saturday night on the road.

Our next home game is not until Saturday, Dec. 22, in Minden at 7:30 p.m. where we host West Northumberland.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewees keep on winning

Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A Highland Storm continued their tournament dominance by winning the Campbellford tournament this past Saturday!

The boys played with style throughout the day, sharing the puck well, keeping their cool when tested and illustrating a quiet determination that never faltered. They cruised through the first two games; the first against the Durham Crusaders. Kyle Cooper got things started quickly with two early goals on nice feeds by Devyn Prentice and Owen Smith. More goals quickly followed: Devyn Prentice scored on a scramble in front and Alex Petrie on an in-tight one-timer from Smith behind the net. Josh Boice then tallied two in quick succession and Ben Schmidt finished things off for a 7-0 final. Parker Smolen faced only five shots for what was to be perhaps the easiest shut-out of his career.

see PEEWEE page 30



Welcoming winter

The boys at St. Peter's ACHS College School welcome Haliburton's first snowfall.

Photos submitted by Peter Thyrring



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Highlands Summer Festival releases 2013 line up

What do five nuns, two retired comedians, a town just like ours, a stockbroker turned farmer and a bunch of Bohemians living in Brooklyn have in common?

You'll meet each and every one of these characters during the Highlands Summer Festival's 2013 season. Here is a closer look at what's on stage this summer.

"We have a wonderful mix of theatrical experience in store for people this coming summer," artistic producer Scot Denton stated.

• **Nonsense:** Five nuns invite you to join them as they present a wild and hilarious variety show to raise money to bury four of their colleagues. The four nuns died of food poisoning and await their final interment in the convent's freezer. This rollicking tongue-in-cheek comedy is great family entertainment with lots of music, dance and audience involvement. Nonsense opens the season on July 1.

• **Our Town:** Thornton Wilder's classic play about life in a small town hundred years ago, just before the First World War. This gentle reminiscence reveals that in fact those times are still part of our lives, if we will only look

around us. Funny and touching at the same time, this play has become a classic of the North American stage since it was first performed in 1938. With its large cast and interwoven story, patrons are sure to recognize a character or two they already know on the stage. Opens July 15.

• **The Sunshine Boys:** Neil Simon's rollicking comedy is a perennial favourite. Two retired Vaudevillians who haven't spoken to each other since their last show, 12 years ago, must get past bruised egos and unresolved grievances if they are to appear together in a television special about their careers. Sharp, witty and full of humour. Opening July 29.

• **Wingfield' Inferno:** The Wingfield saga continues this year on the Highlands Summer Festival Stage with *Wingfield's Inferno*. A devastating fire at the Orange Hall in Larkspur leaves it a smouldering ruin. Walt Wingfield leads the charge to get it rebuilt, but lighting a fire under his fellow committee members proves a daunting task. Featuring comedic genius Rod Beattie in this Dan Neel classic.

Three performances only, opens Sunday, July 7 at 8

p.m. with two other performances on July 8 and 9.

• **Bohemians in Brooklyn:** A juicy cabaret by Tom Allen based on a group of artists (including W.H. Auden, Benjamin Britten, Gypsy Rose Lee and others) who lived in February House in Brooklyn in the early 1940s. The story is told in dialogue, readings and music. Featured performers include Tom Allen, Lori Gemmel, Bryce Kulak and Patricia O'Callaghan. Three performances only, July 21, 22, 23.

To ensure you have a seat for all of these productions this summer, now is the time to buy your season pass. The season pass includes all five shows in one neat package for only \$125. This is the only time the season pass discount will be available. After Jan. 15, 2013, single ticket prices will be \$29.50. The season pass pricing saves you close to 15 per cent it's almost like seeing one of the productions for free.

To purchase a season pass for the 2013 productions, call the box office at 705-457-9933 or toll free 855-457-9933.

See you at the theatre.

Public feedback needed for cycling strategy

The government is looking for public input on how to encourage and improve cycling safety across the province.

A draft cycling strategy has been released for public feedback until Jan. 29. It outlines potential improvements to cycling infrastructure, public education and legislation, including:

- Creating a provincial cycling network to connect destinations and establish recreational cycling and tourism routes.
- Supporting municipalities in the development of local cycling networks, including making cycling infrastructure eligible for funding under the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy.
- Running public education campaigns with cycling safety partners such as Share the Road, the Canadian Automobile Association and EnviroCentre.

• Updating the Driver's Handbook to include better guidelines for cycling and sharing the road with other vehicles.

• Providing cycling safety and bike maintenance information with any new bike sold.

• Consulting with the public, cycling groups and municipalities on possible amendments to the Highway Traffic Act to support cycling.

"We need your input to ensure Ontario has the right strategy in place to support and encourage safe cycling in the province. We will continue consultations on a made-in-Ontario strategy so that our roads remain the safest in North America," said Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation.

"An over-arching vision for safe cycling is a critical step forward for our province, and the Share the Road Cycling Coalition is pleased to see the government take this step. We look forward to continuing to work with Minister Chiarelli, officials in the Ministry of Transportation and indeed those across government to develop a robust strategy for Ontario. Public input

is critical and we encourage all of our stakeholders across the province to participate in this important process," said Eleanor McMahon, CEO and Founder, Share the Road Cycling Coalition.

"The Ontario Draft Cycling Strategy is welcomed, given that many municipalities are looking at how to fit cycling safely into the mix. AMO looks forward to working with the Province to finalize a strategy that serves our communities' transportation goals and safety needs," said Russ Powers, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Quick Facts

- Between 1988 and 2009, cyclist fatalities were down 70 per cent and major injuries were down 64 per cent.
- During the spring, summer and fall, about 630,000 Ontarians cycle on a daily basis.
- About two million Ontarians ride a bike at least once a week during spring, summer and fall.

For more information on the cycling strategy, including how to submit input, visit news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2012/11/ontario-moves-forward-on-cycling-strategy.html.

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Back in Lost Angeleez

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Fireside stories

Why if ol' Maybelle isn't back in Lost Angeleez, home of movie-making-magic, where everybody hoping to become a movie star is waiting tables while waiting for their big break, don'tcha know.

My old childhood chum, Penny Brumbruiser, who grew up in Lake Whaddyat-hinkI mean, got her big break the first day she landed in Tinsel Town 50 years ago. A Dickie Dee ice cream truck backed into her and broke her leg. That was HER big break. She never did get the screen test she was hoping for. She got an X-Ray instead, and a proposal from Dr. Kenny Whittyhill, her attending physician, who married her and has treated her like a movie star ever since. And wouldn't you know it, that's who I'm visiting right now in Beverly Hills 90210.

And boy have they been showing ol' Maybelle the sights. Why just yesterday we strolled down Beverly Drive and if I didn't see Christmas trees lit up with polka dots and palm trees wrapped in swirling white lights.

Then we walked down Rodeo Drive. Now I always heard the things folks can buy in those stores are among the most expensive in the world, and you know what? It's true.

Why we walked into this one store that hand makes their own cell phones in Britain out of real gold, silver, and gems including diamonds. And if the cheapest phone didn't cost

\$30,000. That's right. And it came with an international concierge service. So if your fancy is to have a certain wine at dinner when you're in Brazil or Frankfort or wherever on Tuesday, they'll make sure it's there for you. I was ready to spring for a \$3.99 model if they had one so somebody could come by with a Bandaide for the blisters I got from walking in my \$20 runners, don'tcha know.

From there we drove through molasses (L.A. traffic, ugh!) to a place called The Grove ... because yeeaaaars ago, that's what the land it's on was. An orange grove. Today, it's the happiest place in town. It's an outdoor mall, you see, with a beautiful dancing fountain that changes colours and rhythms to the music right beside a real pretty grassy area with inviting tables and chairs and an ice cream and latte' stand.

And the street winds in a loop with colourful storefronts and cafes...a huge retro-looking movie theatre...and an old fashion open-air double decker streetcar with a big Christmas bow stuck to its nose. The conductor was a peach. He kept clanging a bell in time to the music and greeting folks as they climbed aboard. And wouldn't you know it...the ride was FREE!

I'm telling you, FUN was in the air with a capital I'M LOVING IT!

Did I mention the gynomous gingerbread house that you walk through? Why ol' Maybelle's spirits were so high Penny and Kenny had to pull me down like a renegade balloon.

The best part: Santa is alive and well and living at the Grove. Oh, AND at Macy's, Barney's, Bloomies and other L.A. department stores. I knew he could fly through the air, but TELEPORT HIMSELF? I mean, Santa's a yogi!

And everywhere I looked, people seemed to be skipping down the street (no cars allowed) swinging shopping bags and singing along with the music. Why they were the happiest shoppers these ol' eyes have ever seen. I'm telling you, if Scrooge were there he would have morphed into Mary Poppins.

It was a very full day and Penny, Kenny and I were plum tucked out when we returned home. Instead of sitting down to a serious supper, Penny and I waxed nostalgic about being youngins in Lake W ... and just like we did waaaayyyy back then, we raided the "icebox" and made ourselves peanut butter and jam sandwiches. Kenny grabbed some sushi from the fridge and retreated to his man cave, while Penny and I bunny-hopped into the living room and lost ourselves in memories of the past.

And as we talked with peanut butter stuck to our teeth and tongues, I couldn't help but think about my good friends back in Lake W: Twindle Mumbly, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, Beanpole Starkman and, of course, my pet bear, Bogart.

Why if my whole heart didn't explode right then and there.

What a lucky ol' gal you are, I kept thinking. Lucky and VERY grateful, don'tcha know.

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Wilberforce Heritage Guild members who hosted the craft sale and St. Margaret's Church workers who staffed the kitchen appreciated all the volunteer help and hope the vendors all had a reasonably successful day.

Yeah! There is gas available in Wilberforce. The service station has reopened

and began serving gasoline on the weekend. Yes, they serve. Best wishes to Don Banford and his partner for a successful operation. Do drop by not only for gas and oil but to check out other services available. If we don't use these services we lose them.

Everyone is invited to a community carol service at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 9. The program of carols and lessons begins at 7 p.m. Plan to stay for refreshments after the service.

It was with sadness and shock that this community learned of the recent death of Bessie (Bowers) Godfrey. She had been a contented resident of Highland Wood for about a year. Bessie died suddenly in the hospital in Haliburton on Nov. 21. She was in her 89th year.

Bessie and her late husband Clifford (known as Dud) were both lifetime residents of this area. They worked here, raised Larry and Colleen here and enjoyed country living. They contributed

to the community in a variety of ways. In later years a Maple View apartment was home.

Sympathy is extended to Bessie's son Larry (Diane), daughter Colleen (Dwight) Little, her grandchildren and greatgrand-

children and to all her family and friends. She was predeceased by husband Clifford, brother Alex and her parents William and Florence Bowers.

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Notices



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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

DATE: Tuesday, January 8th, 2013
TIME: 5:00 pm.
LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
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APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Pellegrino:

- Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to restrict the construction of all buildings and structures.
 - Zone change from "RU1L" to "OS-1".
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-012/12.
- Location: Part Lot 9, Concession 8, Township of Dudley (Blueberry Point Road).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 4th day of December, 2012.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to convey to the adjoining landowner, an inaccessible portion of property, situated in part of Lot 4 Concession 1, within the Geographic Township of Minden, in the Municipality of Minden Hills.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Village of Minden, Ontario, on January 23, 2012, a by-law to convey a parcel of land described as follows:

Portion of inaccessible lands, situated in Part of Lot 4, Concession, 1 in the Geographic Township of Minden, in the Municipality of Minden Hills designated as Part No. 1, as shown on Plan 19R 1121 registered AUGUST 10, 1976.

The plan of survey is available for inspection at the Roads Department Office, 3 St. Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during office business hours. (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday to Friday)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Minden, this 30th day of November, 2012.

Enquiries may be directed to:

Angela Horner, Administrative Assistant
Phone: (705) 286-1762
Fax No.: (705) 286-4881
Email: ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca

Enjoy hot apple cider at the Outpost

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Visitation and funeral service was held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Monday, Nov. 26 with Rev. Canon Anne Moore officiating.

Interment followed at the Wilberforce cemetery. Family and friends then gathered at a reception at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The annual Christmas Open House at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11 during the afternoon.

Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m. and sit by the tree while enjoying some hot apple cider or tea and Christmas goodies. Or try stirring some coffee with a chocolate "spoon" created by Christine. If anyone wants to drop by in the evening, the door

will be open from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Loop Troupe meets this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the LWMC. Those interested in being part of a late winter/early spring production are invited to participate in the meeting.

Several from this area enjoyed this year's Christmas concert by the Highlands Festival Singers.

The choir was joined by the Highland

Brass Quintet for two presentations at the Minden United Church this past weekend.

The program included challenging selections, interesting arrangements of old favourites and some fresh new pieces. The audience was very receptive to joining the choir and band and sang several carols very joyfully. Sure helped everyone get in the true Christmas spirit.

Career & Business Opportunities



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a **CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Chief Training Officer.

Reporting to the Fire Chief, and working closely with three (3) District Chiefs, the Chief Training Officer will be responsible for the development, coordination, delivery and administration of training for approximately 50 volunteer firefighters across three stations within the Department.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Must have or be pursuing Training Officer Certification from the Ontario Fire College.
- Must have or will achieve Associate Instructor status from the Ontario Fire College.
- Must have or will attain Trainer/Facilitator designation as recognized by the Office of the Fire Marshal.
- Fire Prevention Officer Certification is preferred.
- Demonstrated ability and experience working successfully in a volunteer firefighter environment and have sound judgment, leadership, and motivational skills.
- Extensive firefighting and training experience with a thorough knowledge of modern firefighting and public safety and fire prevention methods.
- Possess strong leadership and motivational skills, be resourceful and be in good physical condition.
- Must possess excellent computer skills. Must be proficient in Microsoft programs (including but not limited to Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and Township-specific programs).
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Salary Range : \$28.93 - \$32.56/hr for a 30 hour work week.

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by

3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012 to:

John Hogg, Fire Chief
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, K0M 1J1
705-766-0010
Email – jhogg@algonquinhighlands.ca

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Township of Algonquin Highlands requires an **OPERATOR – Dorset Yard** (Full-time position)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Operator for the Dorset Yard.

Reporting to the Public Works Supervisor, the Operator will provide a variety of construction, snow/ice removal, maintenance and repair services to roads, bridges, culverts and drainage and other road work, parks, cemeteries, landfills and lagoons and public access points such as docks and landings.

The preferred candidate will be an energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individual who takes pride in their work and must have demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a must, as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Solid understanding of public works construction and maintenance procedures.
- Good understanding of policy, procedures, by-laws, Ministry guidelines, regulations and legislation related to the operation of equipment and public works construction and maintenance.
- Valid class DZ license, AZ is preferred with a clean driver's abstract.

Salary Range : \$21.37 - \$24.05/hr based on a 40 hour work week.

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012** to:

Mike Thomas, Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, K0M 1J1
705-489-2379 Ext.225
Email – mthomas@algonquinhighlands.ca

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Wilberforce Legion

Weekly Events	Dec. 3 to Dec. 9	
Monday	Bid Euchre	7 p.m.
Tuesday	Executive Meeting	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Darts	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Pool	1:30 p.m.
	Ham/scalloped dinner	5 to 7 p.m.

	Jam Session	7 p.m. to Come to play or listen to great music
Saturday	Meat Draw	2 to 5 p.m.
Sunday	L.A. Breakfast	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Upcoming Events

New Year's Eve Party will be held Monday, Dec. 31 at the Lloyd Watson Centre 9 p.m. to close. \$35 per couple, \$17 per single. D.J. Pat Casselman.

Price includes a buffet to be served at approximately 11 p.m. Make this a night to remember.

Holiday hours at the Branch are: Early close - Dec. 24 - 5 p.m. - No Euchre. Closed Christmas Day - Closed Boxing day and early close on New Year's Eve 5 p.m.

Coming Events

Christmas in Carnarvon
A fun look at Christmas!
Wednesday December 5th at 7:00pm
ZION UNITED CHURCH
All ladies are welcome to attend this free event

community calendar

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Shout Sister Choir is looking for new members. Practices are Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. www.shoutsisterchoir.ca

Parkinson's Disease Support Group - Do you have Parkinson's Disease? Do you know or love someone with Parkinson's Disease? Join our group for information, support and awareness. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. New location: Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Education Room on the ground floor of the Medical Centre. For more information please call Janet Bottum, BSCN, RN, Senior's Health or Barb Fraser, MSW, RSW, Social Worker 705.455.9220 or E-mail: info@hhfht.com

Head Lake Grill Toy Drive: Bring in a New unwrapped toy or gift card and receive 10% off your bill, as well as a chance to win a weekly prize of \$25 gift certificate at Head Lake Grill. All toys will be donated to the 4C's Toy Drive.

ATTENTION stamp collectors in Haliburton and Minden area, new club is forming in the Highlands. Please contact Kevin for more information at 705-489-1038 or 705-457-5949

December 6: Minden Christmas Lunch from 12-2PM Come join Community Care for its annual Christmas Lunch at the Minden Legion. We will have delicious food, entertainment (Uptown Country) and fun for all. Cost \$15 per person. To register please contact Community Care 705 457 2941

December 7: Haliburton Christmas Lunch from 12-2PM Come join Community Care for its annual Christmas Lunch at the Haliburton Legion. We will have delicious food, entertainment (Uptown Country) and fun for all. Cost \$15 per person. To register please contact Community Care 705 457 2941

December 8: Christmas in the Village Breakfast with Santa from 8:00-11:00a.m. Located at the Kinmount Community Centre

December 8: Kinmount Christmas Party for Children 2:00p.m. the Royal Canadian Legion. Also attend the Music Night: Galway Hall 6:00p.m. Roast Beef Dinner, Loonie Auction, featuring Music by the Mundell Family. We are Celebrating the Holiday Season with the Introduction of the KINMOUNT TARTAN Contact: For more information or to reserve tickets for Music Night 488-2635 or 488-2282

December 8-16: Celebration of Art Exhibition david Alecander Risk from 10a.m. - 5p.m. Hosted by Trophy Property Corp, Peter Brady. Located at 231 Highland St. Everyone Welcome

December 9: Christmas Miracle 2- 4 at St Paul's Anglican Church Minden. Harp and Flute Concert. Tickets \$10.00 or \$20.00 for family. Children under 7 free. Refreshments to follow.

December 12: Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing- a- Long" - Lochlin Road off the Gelert Road (County Road 1). Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends". Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

December 12: The Alzheimers Society & Von Day program of Haliburton Christmas Open House from 1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. Drop in to enjoy some Christmas cheer and share the holiday spirit.

December 13: THOSE OTHER MOVIES presents Intouchables at the Northern Lights Pavilion, 4:15 and 7:15. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door. Info at 705 286-2644

December 14: The Highland Concert Band hosts the 3rd Annual Christmas Concert at St. George's Anglican Church at 7:30p.m. Admission is per donation and all proceeds will go to local Food Banks

December 14: Wilberforce Christmas Lunch from 12-2PM Come join Community Care for its annual Christmas Lunch at the Minden Legion. We will have delicious food, entertainment (Uptown Country) and fun for all. Cost \$15 per person. To register please contact Community Care 705 457 2941

December 16: Highlands Wind Symphony Christmas Concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 3p.m. Adults \$10, students \$5, Family \$25, available at Masters Book Store or Minden Pharmasave for more info call Andy 457-2100 or Kelly 286-3377

December 22: Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church - Bake Sale from 10a.m. - 2p.m. located at 1112 Chambers Rd (turn off Hwy 35 at Highlands Motel, South of Carnarvon)

Nursery and Sunday school now available

Coming Events



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West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Pastor Brian Plouffe announces that the West Guilford Baptist Church will be holding a Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The church has been experiencing some encouraging growth lately and starting Dec. 9 a nursery and Sunday School for children up to 10 years of age is being offered.

Since the capacity is only for 100, come early to be sure of a seat on Dec. 24. In the mornings, the bell rings at 10 a.m. and again at 10:25 a.m. for the regular 10:30 a.m. service.

Christmas music is ringing all over the place these days. The Highlands Festival Singers sang at Minden's United Church on Saturday evening and on Sunday afternoon. Our Highlands Concert Band entertains at St. George's Anglican Church on Dec. 14.

Bethany Houghton's pupils perform in recital on Dec. 15 at St. George's as well around noon and at 3 p.m. as they play their cellos, violas or violins.

Margaret Milne and Paul Irwin, Beth Johns and Norris Turner are in these classes and are becoming even more proficient on the instruments of their choice.

Arts Week Calendar as announced on Canoe FM gives details as to those and other musical events.

Euchre for Nov. 27: high scores going to Myra Marshall and Barry Butler, low to Kathy Kernohan and Jim Hunt. Most lone hands to Sandy Paulton and Ray Campbell. Specials were Kathy Kernohan and Peter Laplante.

Peewee defence stood strong

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The boys continued to roll through the second game, facing the Orono Leafs. The game started at a better pace and goalie Josh Bellefleur was tested early. The Storm adapted though and soon took control.

Ben Schmidt scored first and Smitty followed on a beautiful feed from Nik Dollo at the side boards. Schmidt and Smith would finish with a hat-trick each and Devyn Prentice put the finishing touch on a 7-1 victory with a goal in the final minute.

The final promised a tougher challenge against the Stirling Blues but, on this day, nothing was going to deter our squad from winning.

It was a fairly chippy affair, at times, and Stirling attempted some different plays that forced our boys to

adapt quickly.

Our defensive unit of Shawn Walker, Jacob Haedicke, Ryan Prentice and Carter O'Neill stood strong though, nullifying their strategy and a strong fore-check quickly put Stirling on the defensive. Kyle Cooper's two goals in the first period were all we needed take the 2-0 win and tourney victory.

This is the third consecutive tournament the boys have won and they are developing into a team to be watched.

They now need to turn their focus on finishing their regular season strong where they have shown an inconsistency that has been frustrating for the coaching staff.

They know this team has all the tools to win and next week will be a great test on the road against a very good Parry Sound squad.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

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Sunday 16th Dec	10am – 5pm

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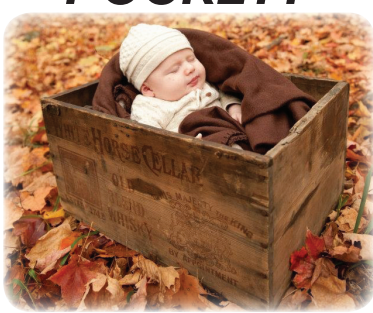
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CONTACT RESOURCE SERVICES INC. vs GLEN EDWARDS also known as **GLEN IAN KEITH EDWARDS**

HALIBURTON SMALL CLAIMS COURT - Claim Number M011/12

Notice is hereby given that the Plaintiff has issued a Claim against the Defendant in the Haliburton Small Claims Court.

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Deaths

BOWRON, Jeanne Lillian (nee Westgarth) - Passed away peacefully at the Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Friday, November 30, 2012 with her loving family by her side. In her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Bowron (2011). Dear mother of Kevin and Carol of Kinmount, Heather and John Fountain of Minden. Loving grandma of Leigh (Shannon), Leisa Neely (Sean) and great grandma of Kallen and Kaeson. Dear sister of Bruce (Bernice), Art (Nancy), sister-in-law of Olive Westgarth and Norma (Joe) McGuire, predeceased by her brothers Carl, Murray, Gerald, Orville and by her sister Alfreda Stevenson. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 from 2:00 until 5:00 pm and on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11:00 am. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception will be held in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Memorial Donations to the Pioneer Baptist Church or to the Highland Wood Long Term Care would be appreciated by the family.
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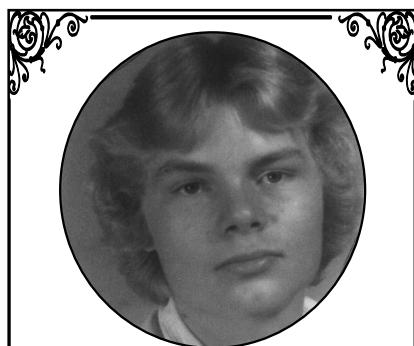
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*Down a road that's calm and peaceful,
Guided by God's loving hand,
He has gone upon a journey
To a distant, brighter land.
And although our hearts are heavy
With sorrow we still bear,
It helps to bring us comfort,
Knowing he is happy there.*

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Beloved Son

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That tell our hearts are broken,
It's the silent tears in the after years,
When your precious name is spoken.
Time cannot stop the heartache,
Or even stop the tears,
Or take away the memories,
For someone we loved so dear
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
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If all the world were ours to give,
We'd give it all and more,
To see your loving face again,
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Dad and Mom



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Dec. 11, 2011

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And bring you home again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say good-bye...
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache in sadness,
And secrets tears still flow,
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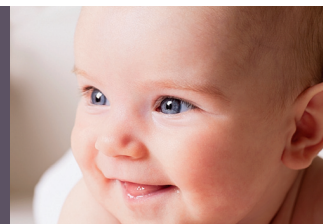


Above, Laura Woodruff sent in this picture of a dozen evening grosbeaks that arrived at her bird feeder on Redstone Lake earlier this month.

Left, Eddie Lehman sent in this photo of some wild turkeys in his yard off North Shore Road.

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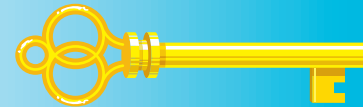
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Haliburton Lake, gorgeous lot, view & sand beach. Home/cottage, Bunkie/carport/workshop.

\$448,000



FIVE LK CHAIN FISHING!

Boat/fish from 1350sf home/cottage. Village edge convenience. Lots to offer! Garage, Bunkie & more!

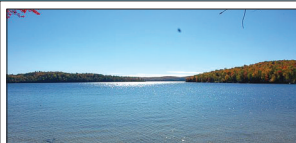
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SOYERS LAKE

Cute cottage on quiet Bay of Soyers with No boat traffic but access to the big lake.

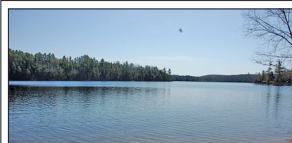
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SAND BEACH-DRAG LAKE

Beautiful lot, sunny facing south. "As is" cabin, year round road. Build your Dream!

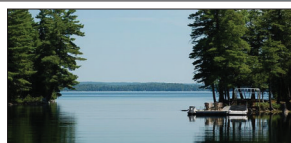
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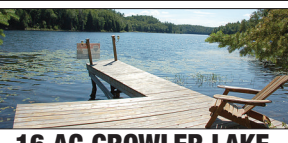
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MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINDEN

Breathtaking view, Clean sand/rock shoreline. Level lot. Driveway in. Old cottage on site.

\$249,000



16 AC GROWLER LAKE

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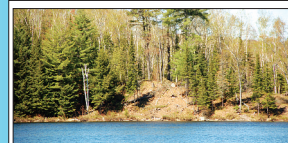
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SAM'S LAKE

Beautiful 5 Ac lot & 1000 ft lovely shoreline. Private, point lot. Good fishing, quiet lake.

\$229,000 + HST



GROWLER LAKE LOT

S/E Exposure, 505' frtg. Sandy/Rock Shoreline. Driveway in, site cleared

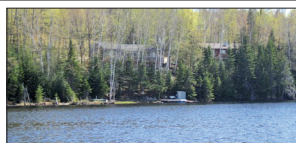
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